

Summer 2009

Malawi Orphan Care Newsletter

Warm Summer Greetings to all! The summer temperatures we experienced in B.C. during July & August are slightly higher than the daytime highs in Malawi at this time of year. Being South of the Equator, and depending on the elevation, the night time lows can be in the single digits. Around the capital city of Lilongwe, at some 3,700', I did experience some early morning temps around 6° C.



Pastor Felix sent the above picture of orphans at Lumbadzi

Our Missionaries to Malawi, Wes & Lorrie Jonat, returned home on the 21st of June for a well deserved furlough following a very busy time of ministry over the past 3 years. They will return to Malawi following Christmas 2009. *Please pray for them as they reconnect with family and friends. Also pray that their financial needs will be met as they visit supporting churches across Canada. (Who said missionaries get holidays?)*

On their return to Canada they carried with them some pictures and a hand written report from ACOP Malawi National Coordinator Rev. Ephraim Chimango Mvula.

Ephraim reports that, in addition to the 4 Feeding Centres, they have established 2 sub-centres to help meet the needs of the high number of orphans in the area of Sharpevale.

To put his report in a nutshell: *Because of the increasing number of orphans and vulnerables who are attaching themselves to the feeding centres we have insufficient funds to effectively meet all the needs.*

The Malawi Orphan Care Committee sees two ways to meet some of these increasing needs: (1) *Increased agriculture at each centre.* (2) *Business ventures to generate income.*

Because of your continued generosity we recently sent finances to purchase items for a summer planting: *Fertilizer; seed (maize, soya bean & groundnuts); 10 water pumps (two motor driven and eight, foot powered, treadle pumps) these will greatly increase food production by supplying much needed irrigation.*

To further increase the number of orphans being fed and the frequency of feeding times we are currently looking at the possibilities of purchasing a maize mill. This project will accommodate the generating of finances in two ways: (1) *offset the current \$2.50 USD charge to mill a 50Kg bag of maize.* (2) *be used as a business venture*



White corn harvested from the November planting being husked in preparation for milling

Thank you for continuing to be involved with our brothers and sisters of ACOP Malawi as they discover ways to alleviate the struggles of the most vulnerable of their country.

*I have received a number of requests to form a team to visit Malawi early in 2010. I will endeavour to update you concerning this in the near future.

Blessings,
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